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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A storage card for dining preferences, the storage card comprising:

a card;

a memory located within the card, wherein the memory stores a plurality of dining preferences for at least one restaurant, wherein the plurality of dining preferences are portable from location to location and are capable of repetitious use; and

a communications interface, wherein the communications interface allows for the dining preferences to be read from the memory by a data processing system at a restaurant for use in generating a food order.

2. The storage card of claim 1, wherein the storage card is a smart card.

3. The storage card of claim 1, wherein the communications interface uses radio frequency signals to read and write the dining preferences.

4. The storage card of claim 3, wherein the communications interface is a radio frequency transceiver.

5. The storage card of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of dining preferences includes a name of a

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restaurant, a name of a food item, and preferences for the food item.

6. A method in a data processing system for using dining preferences to generate an order, the method comprising:

reading dining preferences for a restaurant from a memory in a card for a customer, wherein the memory includes dining preferences for food items for a set of restaurants;

displaying the dining preferences; and

generating the order using the dining preferences.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the set of restaurants includes at least one restaurant.

8. The method of claim 6 further comprising:

initiating the generating step after a user input confirming the dining preferences for the order.

9. The method of claim 6, wherein the card is a smart card.

10. The method of claim 6, wherein the dining preferences are read from the memory using radio frequency signals.

11. The method of claim 6, wherein the memory is one of a magnetic strip or a nonvolatile random access memory.

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12. The method of claim 6, wherein the dining preferences are stored in association with a restaurant name and a food item name.

13. The method of claim 6, wherein the dining preferences for the restaurant are portable.

14. The method of claim 6, wherein the dining preferences are generated by at least one of a kiosk in a public location, a terminal at the restaurant, and a computer in a home of a user.

15. A data processing system in a data processing system for using dining preferences to generate an order, the data processing system comprising:

reading means for reading dining preferences for a restaurant from a memory in a card for a customer, wherein the memory includes dining preferences for food items for a set of restaurants;

displaying means for displaying the dining preferences; and

generating means for generating the order using the dining preferences.

16. The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the set of restaurants includes at least one restaurant.

17. The data processing system of claim 15 further comprising:

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initiating means for initiating the generating means after a user input confirming the dining preferences for the order.

18. The data processing system of claim 15, wherein the card is a smart card.

19. A computer program product in a computer readable medium for using dining preferences to generate an order, the computer program product comprising:

first instructions for reading dining preferences for a restaurant from a memory in a card for a customer, wherein the memory includes dining preferences for food items for a set of restaurants;

second instructions for displaying the dining preferences; and

third instructions for generating the order using the dining preferences.

20. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the set of restaurants includes at least one restaurant.

21. The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising:

fourth instructions for initiating the third instructions after a user input confirming the dining preferences for the order.

22. The computer program product of claim 19, wherein the card is a smart card.